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Question: Impromptu questions from the floor may exceed the estimated time allocations for questions (i.e., 20% during plenary and 50% during break-out sessions), causing the applicant to be cut off at the end of the presentation prior to finishing the planned material. Does DOE have a way to control the questioning to keep it within the allotted time allocations or does it plan to relax the rules with regard to total allocations.

Answer: DOE does not intend to prevent any Applicant from finishing planned presentation material. Please refer to Item No. 7 of the "Additional Questions" posted on IIPS on 9/19/08; "An Applicant should inform the Merit Review Panel as to when they would like to address impromptu questions. However, it is expected that questions at least be allowed at the end of each presentation and not after all presentations are complete."